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LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you of the attached statement issued by the British Government on 20 November 1995.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its attachment to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) John WESTON

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Annex

Statement of 20 November 1995 by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

On 31 October, we received the Government of Libya's answers to a fifth set of questions about its links with the Provisional IRA. We are grateful for the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in helping us to obtain these answers and for his continuing efforts to bring about full Libyan compliance with the resolutions.

There remain gaps and omissions in the information given to us, but when the Libyan disclosures are considered in their entirety, we are satisfied that they have largely met our expectations.

We acknowledge that the Libyan readiness to answer our questions is a positive step towards its implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular towards its renunciation of terrorism, a path which we hope it will continue to follow.

We should not forget the circumstances which led to our putting these questions to them. The material and financial help given to the Provisional IRA added significantly to its paramilitary capabilities at a time when it was waging a terror campaign against British interests.

Libya has answered our questions in the context of just one of a number of demands placed on it by the post-Lockerbie Security Council resolutions. We remain committed to the United Nations sanctions against Libya until such time as Libya has complied with those demands, in particular that it must surrender those accused of the Lockerbie bombing for trial in Scotland or the United States of America.